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*The Eagles open the season at NC State Nov. 11.*

**STATESBORO, Ga.** – [Tookie Brown](#) collected 17 points and 11 rebounds, and Georgia Southern shot 52 percent from the field to earn a 106-51 men's basketball victory over Lees-McRae in an exhibition contest Thursday night in Hanner Fieldhouse.

[Ike Smith](#) tallied 15 points and four assists, and [Shawn O'Connell](#) posted 11 points and five rebounds. [B.J. Gladden](#) finished with 10 points and four boards, and [Devonte Boykins](#) dished out eight assists.

Cedriontis Wilson was the lone Bobcat in double figures in the points column with 12, while Chad Hicks and Lepreece Lynch each netted seven.

### **The story**

The Eagles shot 57 percent in the second half and held Lees McRae 21 percent while outscoring the Bobcats 62-22. The explosion helped turn a 15-point halftime lead into the 53-point win.

After the teams traded buckets early in the second period, Georgia Southern took over

the game with a 37-6 run that lasted 10:39, and a layup by Gladden made the score 85-39 with 7:30 left in the game.

### **Postgame Interview with head coach [Mark Byington](#)**

#### **Next up**

Georgia Southern opens the season at NC State Nov. 11, with tipoff set for 7 p.m. The game will be broadcast live on ACC Extra and can be seen at WatchESPN.com.

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